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ARLINGTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 7, 2012

Reviewed 12/5/12, Approved 02/06/2013

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Lisa Decker Jane Auger, Joey Glushko, David White.

Absent: Michele Hassler, Elizabeth Karpati, Teresa DeBenedictis, Patsy Kraemer, Leslie Mayer.

Minutes by: David White

- The **October Minutes** were approved with a few changes.
- **Mill Brook Linear Park**
 - Covenant School – Ann LeRoyer and others met with Covenant School teachers and principal in the summer about things the students could do in connection with Mill Brook. They are still considering what they might do but are interested in historical aspects with perhaps a tie in to the Old Schwamb Mill.
 - Cooke's Hollow – David will contact Steve Makowka who is interested in CH about coming to a future OSC meeting.
 - AC Field – Ann will follow-up with the Town officials regarding the letter we sent to the Selectmen regarding public access at the reconstructed AF practice field area.
 - Co-occurring Priorities – Joey spoke about using the Town GIS system to prioritize parcels along Mill Brook by using a multiple criteria rating system.
- **Master Plan** – Had a very successful *World Café* kickoff session for the Master Plan in Town Hall on October~17. The Planning Department is processing the comments that were received. The Advisory committee members will be announced soon, but Ann is one of those selected.
- **Open Space Book** – Progress continues with refinement of the map templates. We are working on a few prototype sites first to refine the basic pattern. Some ideas are that this could link to a GPS map or be a smart phone app.
- **Busa Farm** – Changes are proceeding slowly and the land will be leased to Dennis Busa for another year as Lexington works out the future plans.
- **Reservoir** – The 2013 calendar is selling well but is still available in local stores. More copies will be printed if needed.
- **Hurd Field Parking Lot** – The porous pavement dedication ceremony and demonstration has been rescheduled to noon on November 20. The rain garden will likely be installed next spring.
- **Symmes** – Construction work proceeds. Some clearing was done in the Summer Street Woods following the forest management plan.
- **Tree Committee** – The Town lost about 180 street trees in the summer microburst and another 160 more with hurricane Sandy. Replacement efforts are not keeping up with the losses. Donations to help may be made out to the 'Trees Please' - *Town of Arlington* and mailed to Trees Please Fund, Department of Public Works, 51 Grove Street, Arlington, MA 02476.
<http://arlingtontrees.org/trees-please-program/>

- **Eco Fest** – This is scheduled for March 23 and the theme is People, Places and Spaces. More info to come.